

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

*“Knowing, Loving, and Sharing Christ”*



**9th Sunday After Pentecost**  
Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 | 11:00 am

## WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about Holy Trinity, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

**Holy Communion** is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

### Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 5 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

## PRELUDES

**Matthew Noonan, Organist**

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern,*  
by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712),  
*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern,*  
by Andreas Armsdorf (1670-1699)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*~ Please stand as able. The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. ~*

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*~Please kneel as you are able~*

*~Silence for self-examination and reflection~*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn:**

LBW 459 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. [C] **A - men**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*~ Please be seated ~*

## WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON:

**JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

A reading from Jeremiah the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

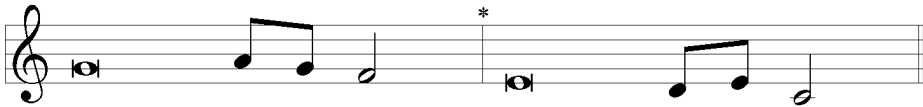
<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.””

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM:**

Psalm 23



<sup>1</sup>The Lord | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |  
fear no evil;\***

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my  
life,\***

**and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

**THE SECOND LESSON:****Ephesians 2:11-22**

A reading from Ephesians the second chapter.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no



longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

~ Please stand as able ~

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL:

MARK 6:30-44

The holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

<sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go

into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”  
<sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”  
<sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.



**THE SERMON**

**Pastor Ryan Henkel**

**Notes**

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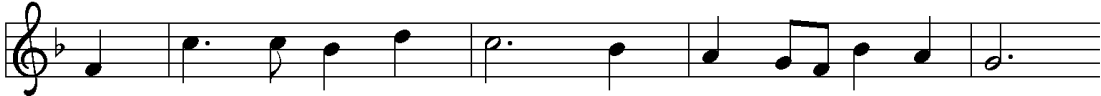
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# The Hymn of the Day

# WOV 750 Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

*The Hymn of the Day is an important feature of the Lutheran liturgical tradition. It captures the theme of the day and reinforces the readings. Sing boldly!*



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

## THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*~Please stand as able~*

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*~Please be seated~*

*Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.*

**OFFERTORY**

Matthew Noonan

*Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele (Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness),  
by Virgil Fox (1912-1980)*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*~Please stand as able ~*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, and salutary... And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Wondrous are your deeds, gracious Father, and mighty are your acts. You fashioned all of life, and created humankind in your image. Though we had fallen into fear and despair, you did not abandon us, but sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, born of woman, to take human tribulation to the cross, thereby redeeming us and claiming us as your own, bringing to us holy comfort and joy.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

As we now celebrate our Lord's presence, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, that we who receive our Lord's true body and blood in this holy communion may be filled with the peace of sins forgiven, and the promise of life and salvation.

**Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



## THE FRACTION

Our Lord Jesus says “Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

## LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn:**

LBW 224 Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der  
 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,  
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less  
 peace be-yond all un - der - stand-ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand-ing:



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;  
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:  
 with the choic-est wine of heav-en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
 hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."  
 Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va-tion.  
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## THE BLESSING

Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn:

LBW 245 All People That On Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy  
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**Matthew Noonan**

*Toccata on "Old Hundredth",*  
by John Ferguson (b.1941)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. Nicky Hutto  
on the anniversary of his birthday on July 26  
by Mick and Carla McMahan*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Jann Green**, daughter of James and Janet Green, for continued healing from extensive back surgery
- **The family of Patricia Hughes**, mother of Charlotte Eaker, at her death
- **The family of Jackie Lybrand**, at her death
- **Cissy Belton**, at home from the hospital recovering from a fall. Surgery is postponed until full recovery.
- **The family of George Williard**, brother of David Williard, at his death on 7/2/24
- **Bob Burleson**, for healing from cardiac ablation 07/02 to help control AFIB
- **The family of Bill Rountree**, the brother-in-law of Carolyn and Charlie Niemeyer, at the death of Bill on Wednesday, June 26th in the early morning. He was Carolyn's sister Jane's husband.
- **Earl Ruffin**, friend of Darlene Harper, for healing from broken leg
- **Jonina Tongate**, friend of Darlene Harper, for healing from thyroid problems and possible cancer
- **Kim Johnson**, paralyzed from a spinal stroke
- **Brenda Jenkins**, at Courtland Terrace for rehabilitation after knee surgery
- **Vivian Stewart Bolyard**, a former member of Holy Trinity, at the death of her husband, Jim.
- **The family of Lisa Singletary-James**, friend of Cody Carpenter, following her death on 6/19
- **Beau**, infant grandson of **Brooke Weatherford Smithers**, recovering from sepsis pneumonia
- **Katrina Hinds**, still in pain from knee replacement on 5/29
- **Murphy Clark**, in thanksgiving for his return home following heart surgery.

- **Sandy**, co-worker of Elizabeth Lethermon, for healing and recovery from hip replacement and leg surgery on 3/28
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** Barbara Zinke, Rebecca Cloninger, Alex Melvin, Ed Bridges, Dean Lawson, Melanie Henry, Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Jim Higgins, Marilyn Lateulade, Lee Allen, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Pastor Bill White
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers and first responders:** William Niemeyer, Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **All the persecuted**, including Leah Sharibu
- **All missionaries**, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs
- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- **For our ministry partner, Displaced Roses**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Trinity 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Meeting** Bring your ideas and join us in the PLC on 7/28/24 at 3:30pm to plan for the October events!

**Veterans Soup & Sandwich** Join us for our next Veterans Soup and Sandwich lunch here at church on 7/23/24 at 11:30am.

**Parents Night Out** Our next PNO is July 27, 2024, from 6:00pm-10:00pm! Sign up here: [holytrinitygastonia.org/childrensministry](https://holytrinitygastonia.org/childrensministry)

**Summer Chrismon Workshop** There will be a summer Chrismon workshop held on 8/3/24 from 10am-2pm. Contact Pepie Jones ([pjones0531@gmail.com](mailto:pjones0531@gmail.com)) or Janet Green ([janetgreen2239@gmail.com](mailto:janetgreen2239@gmail.com)) for more.

**August Ladies Bible Study** Beginning Wednesday, **August 7, at 6:30pm**, the women of Holy Trinity will meet in person to study, "Luke in the Land" by Kristi McLelland. The church will purchase and provide the book. A love offering will be collected to supplement the cost. Contact Anna Houser ([annaplus2girls@gmail.com](mailto:annaplus2girls@gmail.com) / 704-813-6560) if you are interested in participating.

**Rise Against Hunger** join us on 8/25/24 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Volunteers are needed following the 11am service and throughout the event. Please contact Bruce Zander ([bzander5@att.net](mailto:bzander5@att.net)) for more!

**Fish Stix VBS Planning Workshop** Holy Trinity, join us August 27<sup>th</sup> as we discover methods to accommodate and minister to individuals who have special needs, and plan a community event. Lunch will be provided. Contact [cody@holytrinitygastonia.org](mailto:cody@holytrinitygastonia.org) for more!

**Calling All Voices!** Calling all who worship our living Lord and Savior in song! The 2024-25 Choir season will begin with Wednesday evening rehearsals starting on August 28 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This year we will be singing choral works that are both familiar and new, including works by John Rutter, Audrey Snyder and others. While Wednesday evening attendance is strongly encouraged to learn the music, I will use a webpage to post all the music with recordings. Please go to [www.mwnoonan.com/choir](http://www.mwnoonan.com/choir) or use your phone or iPad to capture the QR code. Please join us on August 28! Please reach out to me with any questions. [matthew@holytrinitygastonia.org](mailto:matthew@holytrinitygastonia.org). -Matthew



**Women's Fall Retreat – Save the Date** Ladies, get your calendars out and reserve September 13 & 14 to let your light shine and attend the fall Women's Retreat here at Holy Trinity. As usual, there will be fun, fellowship, and of course, food! This year's retreat will include a service project for which we will collect donations in the coming weeks. Come join us to connect with one another, have a good time, and do good things!

**Save the dates!** A celebration commemorating Holy Trinity's 125th Anniversary will be held **October 26-27, 2024**, with events on Saturday and combined service on Reformation Sunday. Attend our planning next Sunday for more!

**Did You Know?** Did you know that, because they often work on Saturdays and always on Sundays, Pastor Ryan and Cody have scheduled days off during the week? Generally, they are as follows: Pastor Ryan is out of the office on Friday. Cody is out on Tuesday. If you contact them on these days, you may not get an immediate response (unless, of course, someone is sick or having a crisis). This is a critical opportunity for our ministry staff to have a Sabbath, allowing them to rest and enjoy time with their families. Please feel free to contact the church office for non-urgent issues on any day, and we will do our best to assist you!

**Staff Meetings** By way of reminder, HTLC staff meet on Mondays at 9am. View our full list of weekly happenings here: [holyltrinitygastonia.org/weeklyhappenings](http://holyltrinitygastonia.org/weeklyhappenings)

**Upcoming birthdays to celebrate:** Noah Brown (7/23) & Karem Beam (7/24).  
**Happy birthday to each of you!**

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Judith 9:1, 11–14; 2 Corinthians 5:14–18; John 20:11–18;  
Psalms 42:1–7 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)

Tuesday: Joshua 2:15–24; Romans 11:13–24; Matthew 25:14–30;  
Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)

Wednesday: Joshua 3:1–13; Romans 11:25–36; Matthew 25:31–46;  
Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)

Thursday: Jeremiah 45:1–5; Acts 11:27–12:3; Matthew 20:20–28;  
Psalms 7:1–10 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)

Friday: Joshua 4:19–5:1, 10–15; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 26:17–25;  
Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)

Saturday: Joshua 6:1–14; Romans 13:1–7; Matthew 26:26–35;  
Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters:	Tess Gibbons
Ushers:	Jerry & LaRae Campbell
Lector:	Grant Sparks
Prayer Leader:	Mick McMahan
Communion Assistants:	Gene Keller, Grant Sparks
Church Offering:	Steve McLamb, Lee Stadther
Altar Flower Delivery:	Betty Blalock

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